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Title: Need to include eligible communities in SC/ST lists in the Constitution.

SHRI CHENGARA SURENDRAN (ADOOR): Mr. Chairman, Sir, the Government of Kerala had recommended inclusion of Thachar (other than Carpenter) community in the list of SC and Vetar community in the list of ST. The members of these communities have been agitating for their inclusion in SC and ST Lists for the last few years. I have already brought this matter to the notice of the hon. Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment twice. In answer to Question No.1226 dated 15th July, 2004, the hon. Minister had stated that the recommendation of Kerala Government for inclusion of Thachar in the list of SC was received. The Vetar community members under the auspices of Girivarga Vetar Maha Sabha organized Satyagraha in front of Parliament on 5th May, 2003 and 19th December, 2005.[KMR86]

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They submitted a memorandum to the President and the Prime Minister of India but still the issue is pending. The demands of these communities are very genuine and their grievances should be redressed.

It is, therefore, requested that the Thachar community should be included in the Scheduled Caste and I would also request the Government that the Vetar community should be included in the list of Scheduled Tribes.

I would request the Government to bring forward necessary constitutional amendment in this regard.